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Dear Commission,

I disagree with the proposal to increase the burden on existing solar customers by raising rates on them exclusively. The proposal purports to be fair, while adversely impacting solar customers with disparate treatment. For example, a customer that uses propane (or natural gas, generator, or wind power) as the primary source of energy in their home will not be penalized with the proposed rate structure increase. Only those who have rooftop solar will incur the extra expense which is being explained as "making sure its benefits are shared by all customers."

APS needs to ensure energy costs are fairly shared. As a grid-tied customer, I already pay for access to APS-supplied electricity, the same as all other customers. Attempting to increase my access charges because I do not consume as much as the typical customer is contrary to principles of energy conservation. It does not encourage "green" alternatives to the traditional ways of generating electricity. Instead of rewarding solar customers, it seems that APS wants to penalize us.

APS is using a strategy of "softening the blow" of the proposed rate structure change by assuring existing rooftop solar customers in bold type you will not be impacted. A 20-year grandfathering is promised. While this appearsement makes the change more tolerable, it still violates the principles of "green" energy

and the subsidies that should be offered to encourage alternative sources. Public utilities should be incentivizing customers who conserve energy rather than rewarding customers who waste.

I hope that you will consider applying fair principles and appropriate use of government incentives when adopting future energy policy.

Warm regards,

Steven Prout